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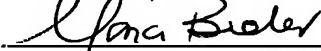
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed on March 17, 2005. Applicants have concurrently petitioned for a one-month extension of time and paid the required fee.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2.

Remarks accompanying this Amendment begin at page 16.

Attachments to this reply include:

1. Copy of Forms PTO/SB/02A (Oath/Declarations) as previously submitted
2. Copy of postcard confirming PTO receipt of executed Declarations
3. Reference BA (WO 99/12964)
4. Form PTO/SB/08
5. Information Disclosure Statement
6. Printout of GenBank™ database entry for human BCMA

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7. Printout of GenBank™ database entry for mouse BCMA
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